

AMENDMENT TO THE ABSTRACT

An agitating retort (100) includes an outer shell (102) within which the drum structure (112) is disposed for rotation within the shell while supporting a number of baskets (114) for holding products to be processed within the retort. Processing fluid is applied to the interior of the shell (102) through a rotary coupling ~~[(150)]~~ (115) disposed within the shell. The coupling routes processing fluid to a distribution system (116) to outlet holes or nozzles (118) positioned within the drum structure (112).

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